

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 2 as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/260,644, filed on September 30, 2002, entitled “System and Method for Creating Trade-Related Annotations in an Electronic Trading Environment,” now U.S. Patent No. 7,610,237, issued October 27, 2009, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

II. Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14:

Figure 6 is a block diagram illustrating a trading interface that may be used to display annotations according to another example embodiment.

III. Please amend the paragraph starting on page 15, line 11 as follows:

A commercially available trading application that allows a user to trade in a system like the one shown in Figure 1 is X_TRADER® from Trading Technologies International, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. X_TRADER® also provides an electronic trading interface, referred to as MD Trader™, in which working orders and/or bid and ask quantities are displayed in association with a static axis of prices. Portions of the X_TRADER® and the MD Trader™-style display are described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/590,692, entitled “Click Based Trading With Intuitive Grid Display of Market Depth,” filed on June 9, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,772,132, issued August 3, 2004, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,087, entitled “Click Based Trading With Intuitive Grid Display of Market Depth and Price Consolidation,” filed on October 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 7,127,424, issued October 24, 2006, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/125,894, entitled “Trading Tools For Electronic Trading,” filed on April 19, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7,389,268, issued June 17, 2008, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/376,417, entitled “A System and Method for Trading and Displaying Market Information in an Electronic Trading Environment,” filed on February 28, 2003, now U. S. Patent No. 7,228,289, issued June 5, 2007, the contents of each are incorporated herein by reference. Further, it should be understood that orders in the system illustrated in Figure 1 could also be

placed using any other automatic trading applications as well. Additionally, the preferred embodiments are not limited to any particular product that performs translation, storage and display functions.

IV. Please amend the paragraph starting on page 28, line 10 as follows:

Once a trader configures annotations and/or alerts for a tradeable object, the trader may view all configured annotations and alerts in relation to their prices by selecting View All icon ~~346~~ 416 that may then cause a display of an interface window such as the one illustrated in Figure 4. The interface 402 displays three price levels corresponding to one or more annotations and/or alerts. For example, the price level of 98 corresponds to an annotation of a “Yesterday’s High” and also to an alarm that will be activated when the current market reaches the Yesterday’s High. Then, the price level of 92 corresponds to an annotation of a “Two-Day Avg.,” and a dynamic annotation that tracks a today’s average price and updates such a price every hour. The price level of 87 is associated with two annotations: a “Yesterday’s Low” and a “10,000 Max,” where the second annotation is updated every time a new maximum order quantity is detected. In one embodiment, the 10,000 Max may correspond to the maximum number of contracts that have been traded during a current trading day, or during any number of previous trading days. Figure 4 displays three price levels; however, it should be understood that more price levels could be displayed if more annotations are created for different price levels. Also, it should be understood that different categories of available annotations could be created as well.